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Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): MAX HERLA

For: Spindle for a Machine Tool with Improved Tool Ejection

Feature

Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, München, Germany

[] Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- [] Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- [X] Specification with 14 pages, 14 claims and 1 sheet of drawing.
- [] Declaration with [] Power of attorney.
- [] Assignment.
- [] Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.
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[X] A priority document.

[X] Information Disclosure Statement with [X] PTO-Form 1449 and [X] copy of reference[s].

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of April 8, 2004, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of German Patent Application No. 103 16 244.5, filed April 9, 2003.

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